



**The Canadian Sikh Council  
and**



**The Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University  
Conference to celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sikh  
Scripture, the *Guru Granth Sahib***

**Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2004  
Leacock Bldg. Room 232 Montreal Downtown Campus**



**Conference Theme:**

**INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVES ON UNIVERSALITY AND JUSTICE :  
TEXTUAL PRECEPTS VERSUS PRACTICES**

**Academics and Scholars from the following faiths present papers  
which reflect on the scriptural messages of their respective faiths.**



**Buddhism**



**Christianity**



**Hinduism**



**Judaism**



**Islam**



**Sikhism**

**Guest Appearance by The Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada**

**Keynote Speech: Hon. Dr. Irwin Cotler, Justice Min. & Attorney Gen. of Canada**

**Madame Michelle Courchesne, Min. of Relations with Citizens & Immigration**

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McGill-CSC Interfaith Conference Program Mc-Gill Senate Room

Time	Presenter	Topic	Discussant
	Sunday, Sept.19, 2004		
12:00-13:00	Registration		
13:00-13:10	Call to Order: Manjit Singh, McGill University & Chair, Program Committee		
13:10-13:15	Ms. Nan Panesar, Canadian Sikh Council		
13:15-13:30	Inauguration: Dr. Barry Levy, Dean, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill		
13:30-16:10	Session I: Chair Dr. M.N.S. Swamy, Concordia University		
13:40-14:20	Dr. Nikky Singh Colby College, Maine, US	Sacred Text and Sacred Outfit A Feminist Re-Memory of <i>Bani</i> and <i>Bana</i>	Dr.B.S.Bhogal York University
14:20-15:00	Dr. Arvind Sharma McGill University	Do “Universality” and “Justice” have same meaning in different faiths	Dr.T.S. Rukmani Concordia University
15:00-15:25	HEALTH BREAK		
15:30-16:10	Dr. Barry Levy McGill University	The Universalistic Dimension in Judaism and its Future	Dr.Ira Robinson Concordia University
19:00-22:00	Banquet: Centre Mont Royale, 2200 Mansfield Street		
	Monday, Sept. 20, 2004		
08:30-0915	Registration		
08:50-08:55	Call to Order: Manjit Singh, McGill University, Chair, Program Committee		
09:00-12:00	Session II Chair: Prof. M. M. Ayoub, Temple University		
09:00-09:40	Dr. Harbans Lal N. Texas University	The Light of the Guru Granth in a Pluralistic World	Dr.Doris Jakobsh Waterloo University
09:40-10:20	Dr. B.S. Bhogal York University	Doing Justice to the Guru Granth Sahib: Universalizing Sikh Desire	Dr. M. Boisvert UQAM
10:20-10:40	HEALTH BREAK		
10:40-11:20	Dr. Harold Coward University of Victoria	A Christian Approach to Religious Pluralism Implications for Cooperative Ethical Action	Dr. G. Baum McGill University
11:20-12:00	Dr. Richard Hayes U of New Mexico	Pluralistic Dharmacentricity	Dr. M. Boisvert UQAM
12:15- 14:30	Lunch: McGill Faculty Club & Conference Centre, 3450 McTavish		
14:30-16:10	Session III Chair: Rabbi L. Lerner, Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Montreal		
14:30-15:10	Dr. Vincent Cornell U of Arkansas	Universal Rights and Muslim Obligations Towards a Moral Philosophy of Islamic Liberalism	Dr.B Kuspinar Inst. of Islamic Studies, McGill
15:10-15:40	Dr. J.S.. Neki New Delhi, India	Interfaith Dimension in the Guru Granth Sahib	10 minutes Q & A
15:40-16:10	Dr D. Hall McGill University	Principles of Interfaith Dialogue	10 minutes Q & A
16:10-17:00	Panel Discussion(*)	Moderator: Manjit Singh, McGill University  Dr. M.N.S. Swamy, Concordia University Dr. M.M. Ayoub, Temple University Rabbi L. Lerner, Temple Emanu El Beth Shalom Dr. D. Hall, McGill University Dr. J.S. Neki, New Delhi, India	
17:00-18:00	SOCIAL HOUR		

Timeline for  
Luncheon on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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**Time line :**

**Master of Ceremony: Ms. Sue Abidi**

11:45: Arrival of organizers and volunteers

**12:15 – 13:00 Lunch Served**

13:00 to 13:05 Introduction of the Chief Guest

13:05 to 13:20 Keynote Speech by **Madame Michelle Courchesne**, Minister of Relations with the Citizens and Immigration

13:20 to 13:25 Vote of Thanks by Dr. Harjeet Singh Bhabra

13:25 - 14:00 Introduction to the **Movie on Guru Granth Sahib** & movie is shown

**14:30 Start of Session III in the Senate Room - Leacock Building**

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